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In brief

No Gulf Defender during holidays

There will not be a base newspaper published Dec. 24 and 31 due to Christmas and New Year's. Happy holidays!

Holiday schedule for recycling

From Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, recycling will be picked up every Monday. Normal pick up schedule will resume after Jan. 1.

Heart Link canceled

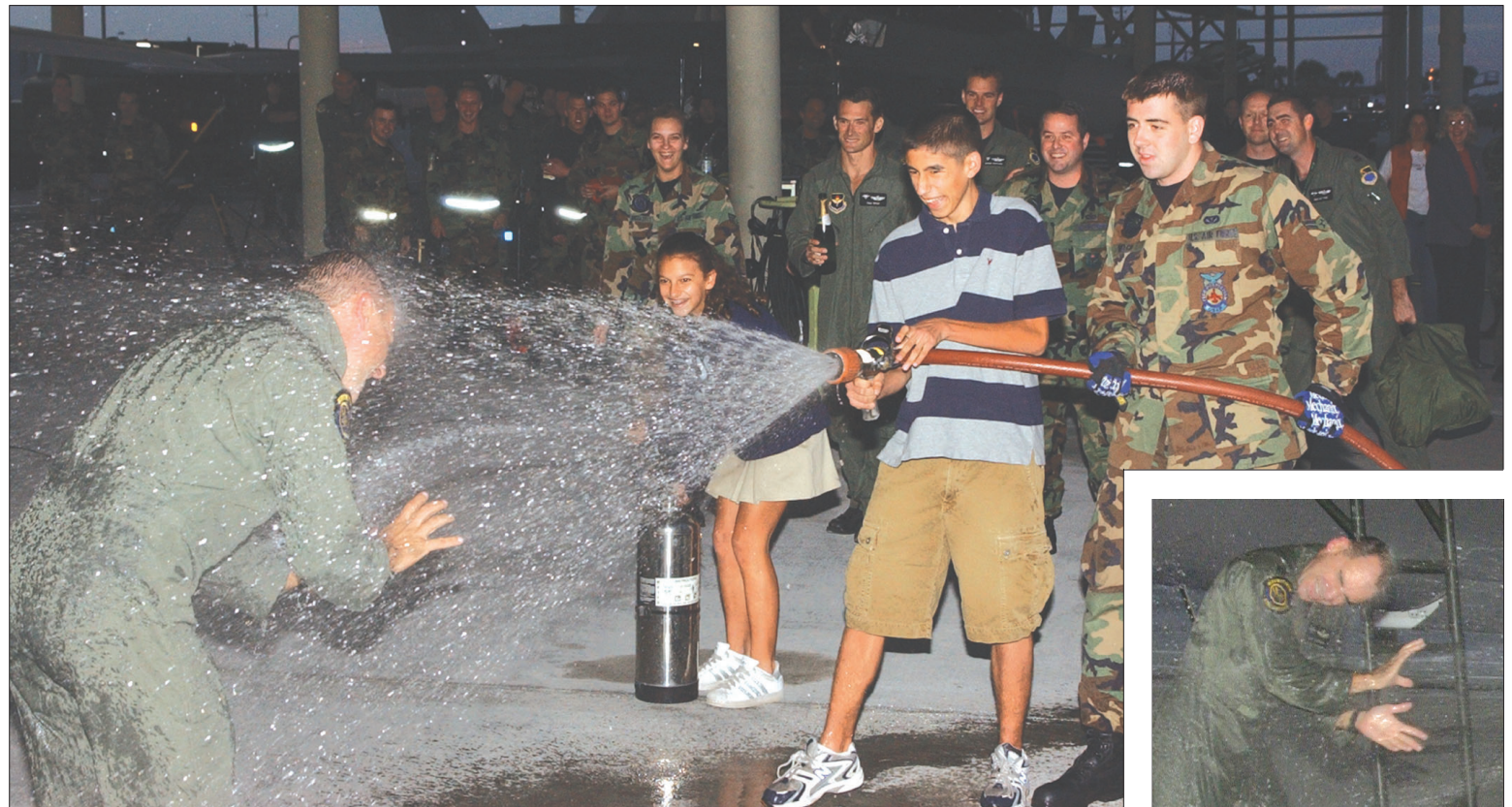
The quarterly Heart Link session for Tyndall Air Force Base military spouses scheduled for today is canceled. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 283-4204/4205.

Housing office hours

The housing office will have limited hours Dec. 23 and will be closed Dec. 24, 30 and 31 for the holidays.

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2nd Lt. William Powell

Finis flight flood

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian receives a cold shower at the hands of his children, Jenna and Matt, after his final flight as commander of the 43rd Fighter Squadron here Dec. 2. For more, see story on pages 10-11.

OG commander clocks 3,000 hours in Eagle

MASTER SGT. MARY MCHALE
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 325th Operations Group commander surpassed 3,000 flying hours in an F-15 Eagle during a 1.9 hour sortie Dec. 1, becoming the 40th individual to reach the aerial goal according to Boeing officials.

Col. Timothy Merrell, who has also flown the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F/A-22 Raptor, completed undergraduate pilot in 1982 and started flying the F-15 in January 1983.

"I have been lucky to stay in the same major weapon system for

most of my career," he said. "Achieving the next milestone in your primary weapon system is pretty much every pilot's goal. When you get 500, you want 1,000. When you get 1,000, you want 2,000 and so on. I just happened to be fortunate enough to stay in the Eagle long enough to get to that next milestone.

"The Eagle is an incredibly dependable aircraft," Colonel Merrell continued. "I'd like to thank all the maintenance and support organizations that make it so reliable."

And he has seen combat in the

Eagle, an experience he described as his most interesting since becoming a pilot.

"I trained for 16 straight years before I saw my first combat mission. On my first, I saw surface to air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery fire."

But while he credits that with being his most interesting experience, he said the most rewarding aspect of his position as operations group commander is his interaction with the students.

"I get to see our students grow into the trained warriors that we

graduate and send to the combat air forces," the colonel said. "Watching that growth and knowing that they have been trained like the champions they are is very rewarding."

But through the rewards and the milestones, the colonel remains realistic.

"No matter how many hours you have, the aircraft, its weapons and the threat change over time," he said. "You have to keep up with the tactics, techniques and procedures. Otherwise, you cannot employ the aircraft to its maximum capability."

View from the top: Handing over Command

GEN. DON COOK
AETC commander

Our ops tempo demands that we spend a tremendous amount of time and energy training ourselves and our Airmen to fight our nation’s wars. I’m proud of our command’s ability and dedication in support of the Global War on Terrorism and the care we provide our Air Force family members when our warfighters deploy.

However, we need to ensure we take care of our home units as well. I’ve tasked our wing commanders to adopt the attitude that no one is so important they can’t leave for 120 days — no one is irreplaceable. This includes every leader in all our AETC organizations.

A critical role of a true leader is to train his or her replacement. It is neither feasible nor productive for leaders to attempt to run things back home while deployed. We must ensure the

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men and women left behind are given both the responsibility and the authority to effectively lead the organization in their commander’s absence.

When the commander deploys, the deputy or operations officer should be granted the authority needed, through G-series orders if applicable, to handle all supervisory tasks. Our vice commanders, deputies and operations offic-

ers must be kept intimately familiar with the issues of their organizations prior to unit commanders receiving deployment orders.

These Airmen, in turn, are responsible for seeking out the proper training to effectively take command and ensure the smooth continuation of the unit’s mission. In short, we must prepare trained, qualified, confident replace-

ments to carry on in our absence. In fact, supervisors and leaders need to apply the same concept to all levels of their organizations. Whether Airmen serve as flight commanders, NCOICs, first sergeants, or shift supervisors, they are all subject to deployment and are responsible to train their replacements. They must also empower their replacements with the necessary authority to continue the mission.

The continued success of our Air Force demands that we prepare our Airmen to take the lead when needed. Dedication to our mission and people is the cornerstone of our Air Force, and leaving that responsibility in someone else’s hands is always a tough personal challenge.

However, we must trust the individuals left behind — the ones we have trained and to whom we have delegated our authority — to take command when duty calls.

Holiday season, most wonderful time of year should be safest

LT. COL. GEORGE MENKER
325th Fighter Wing chief of safety

We’re in the middle of the holiday season and during this time of year the potential for safety-related incidents across the board increases. While drinking and driving is definitely a serious issue, it alone shouldn’t be the safety focal point of the season.

Now is a great opportunity to reflect on our many successful accomplishments and enjoy a much deserved break from the hard work that created them. We are correctly characterized as a work-hard, play-hard culture. My message to you is that this trait – cramming loads of activities into a short time period – can lead to major risks.

A heart-wrenching example of pushing too hard and the dreadful results that can occur are found in this month’s “Combat Edge” (the monthly safety magazine published by Air Combat Command and readily available in all squadrons). The lead article is written by a widowed friend of mine. She lost her husband and son in a car accident. Her husband had been an

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F-15 pilot and was my former squadron mate. The accident took place during a family vacation and was the result of putting too many activities into too little time. My friend fell asleep at the wheel killing himself and his son. The article she wrote gives numerous suggestions on recognizing and managing the hazards associated with fatigue resulting from lengthy road trips. I recommend it to anyone intending to travel this holiday season.

That this could have happened at all still seems unfathomable. My friend, after all, was a seasoned combat veteran. He had flown hundreds of combat missions over Iraq and even defended the nation’s capital

Sept. 11, 2001 and the weeks that followed. He was no different than any of us: driven, dedicated, and committed. Knowing that he was so similar to the rest of us convinced me we can all be susceptible to this situation.

Exercising a little thought can go a long way in mishap prevention. Let’s make sure this holiday season remains safe. Many people are on the go trying to accomplish the many tasks associated with the season: visiting family and friends; shopping is in full-swing; decorating homes; and preparing for large holiday feasts. A time proven method to reduce the stealthy risks of the season is to simply slow down ... think before acting.

If you plan to drink, have a plan. If you intend to make long road trip, ensure the plan doesn’t over burden your ability to stay awake. Thorough thoughtful plans are routinely successful. And a successful holiday is one that is mishap free. After all, the chance for everyone to enjoy a safe, happy holiday season is one of the greatest gifts we can give one another. Happy holidays!

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Airman steps up during in-flight emergency

SENIOR MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
Air Force Print News

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Like most passengers on a commercial airlines flight, Lt. Col. Scott Neumann probably expected a long, uneventful flight from Dulles International Airport in Washington to Los Angeles.

Boy, was he wrong.

The deputy commander for the 412th Operations Group at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., had just wrapped up a semi-annual National Aeronautic Association meeting and was settled into his seat in coach class for

his coast-to-coast trip recently. During the flight, he had struck up a conversation with one of the flight attendants. He shared that he had been a test pilot for the B-2 Spirit and other aircraft.

With small talk aside, the flight attendant went about her business, and so did Colonel Neumann — but not for long.

“About one and a half hours into the flight, the flight attendant made an announcement requesting a doctor or nurse,” he said. Then she gathered up the airliner’s medical equipment and an oxygen bottle and headed toward the cockpit.

The co-pilot was having a seizure.

The pilot, an airline captain, had struggled to restrain the seizing co-pilot as he sought help and piloted the aircraft during the episode.

A nurse who was a passenger behind Colonel Neumann responded to the request for assistance. And when the call came out for a couple of strong, able bodies, Colonel Neumann and a fellow traveler stepped forward.

They moved the co-pilot into the forward galley to allow the nurse to treat his symptoms.

The 737’s pilot, now without a

co-pilot, decided to divert to Colorado Springs Airport. The flight attendant told him about Colonel Neumann’s experience as a test pilot.

“You’ll do,” the captain told the colonel. So Colonel Neumann moved from coach to better than first class. Despite being new to the 737 airframe, Colonel Neumann said he helped the pilot run checklists and land the plane.

Upon landing in Colorado Springs just after 10 a.m., a medical crew from the base here arrived to assist the co-pilot.

Unfortunately, Colonel

Neumann’s eventful flight led to a crew and aircraft change in what was supposed to be a nonstop flight to Los Angeles. Given his involvement, the colonel was late in arriving to the ticket counter to get onto the new flight. The new aircraft was booked solid.

However, when the ticketing agent learned he had been the one who co-piloted the airliner after the emergency, the agent booked him a first-class seat.

“Not quite as good as the one I had, but this will be a lot more memorable,” Colonel Neumann said.

Action Line: MDG suggestion

I’m confused about the closing of the hospital Nov. 19. I checked the Web site about closures, but there was no information. I left my job to get some lab work done, but when I got to the clinic it was closed. I think you should have better information on the Web site. It is an excellent means of communication.

Thanks for the outstanding suggestion! We have taken your suggestion and all future closings are now posted on our public Web site at www.tyndall.af.mil/325MDG/325mdg.htm. Closings are also posted on our .mil and .gov site at <https://325mdg.tyndall.af.mil> and our internal site at https://internal.tyndall.af.mil/325MDG_MIL/default.html. Thank you for the call.

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you’re not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to

the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

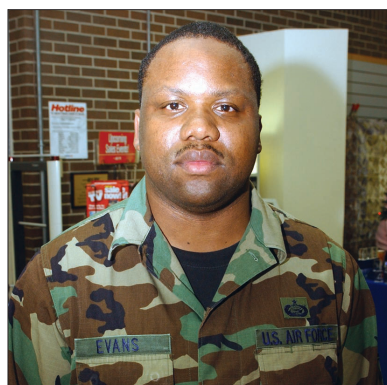
Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

ON THE

STREET

What do you think of the changes to the new BDU?



“I like the idea of change, but I’m curious as to how the rank insignia will be worn.”

TECH. SGT. ERIC EVANS
1st Air Force



“I think the new desert combat uniform colors will fit better into a combat environment. I don’t know too many blue environments.”

1ST LT. KENNETH GONZALEZ
325th Mission Support Squadron



“I am not afraid of change. In fact, change can be productive.”

**SENIOR AIRMAN
MICHAEL PATTERSON**
1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit



“I don’t think changing our uniform is necessary; however, I think the new color scheme is better than the proposed blue uniform.”

CAPT. MARGOT MCCULLOUGH
702nd Computer Systems Squadron

325th CES plans prescribed burning for base forests

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Where there’s smoke there’s fire, and there may be more smoke than normal at Tyndall in the coming months.

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron plans to conduct controlled burns of forest undergrowth during the fall and winter months, according to Sarah Culhane, Natural Resources Wildland Fire Program manager.

“Prescribed burning is a tool used by land managers throughout the country to reduce vegetation that builds up in forested areas, which can provide fuel for wildfires,” Ms. Culhane said.

According to Ms. Culhane, the plan is to target areas on Tyndall which are high in dead and downed trees, twigs, bark, leaves and needles.

“In addition to protecting neighborhoods, businesses and other buildings, prescribed burning improves the health of the ecosystem,” she said. “Fire plays an important role in maintaining and regenerating forests and grassland areas and the wildlife that depends on them.”

According to Ken Gleason, 325th CES

Environmental Flight chief, about 20 percent of Tyndall’s 29,000 acres is scheduled to burn.

“We intend to conduct 16 burns totaling about 5,700 acres,” Mr. Gleason said. “This is about 1,200 acres more than last year.”

Approximately 5,000 acres will be ignited aerially, and the rest by hand, Ms. Culhane said.

“Aerial ignition requires a helicopter and an aerial-ignition machine,” she said. “Aerial ignition burns larger areas in a shorter time interval, thereby reducing potential smoke impacts to outside areas. Hand ignition is very labor intensive, but necessary in areas close to buildings or inhabited areas, which may have branches touching buildings.”

The prescribed burn plan exists year-round, but the activity increases during the cooler months of the year.

“Many fall and winter burns must be completed first to reduce fuel levels,” Ms. Culhane said. “If a burn is initiated in the summer with high fuel levels, high mortality and growth loss could occur.”

There is a significant amount of planning and preparation work required prior to completing a prescribed fire, and much of the preparation is focused on safety, she said.

“First and foremost is safety for personnel involved, as well as those not directly involved such as military personnel and civilians,” Ms. Culhane said. “There are many safety factors which must be reviewed prior to burning an area. A few of the most significant are wind direction, temperature, relative humidity, and precipitation. If a situation arises which will degrade the result of the burn, the operation will be shut-down.”

Specific sites will be selected from the burn plan two to three days in advance based on weather conditions. An e-mail notification will be distributed to the burn plan recipients, said Mr. Gleason.

“Additionally, phone notifications will be made prior to or on the day of the burn to the offices located within close proximity to the burn site, or those directly impacted by the burn,” he said.

No road closures or detours are anticipated.

For additional information, or to add recipients to the burn notification distribution, call 283-2641.

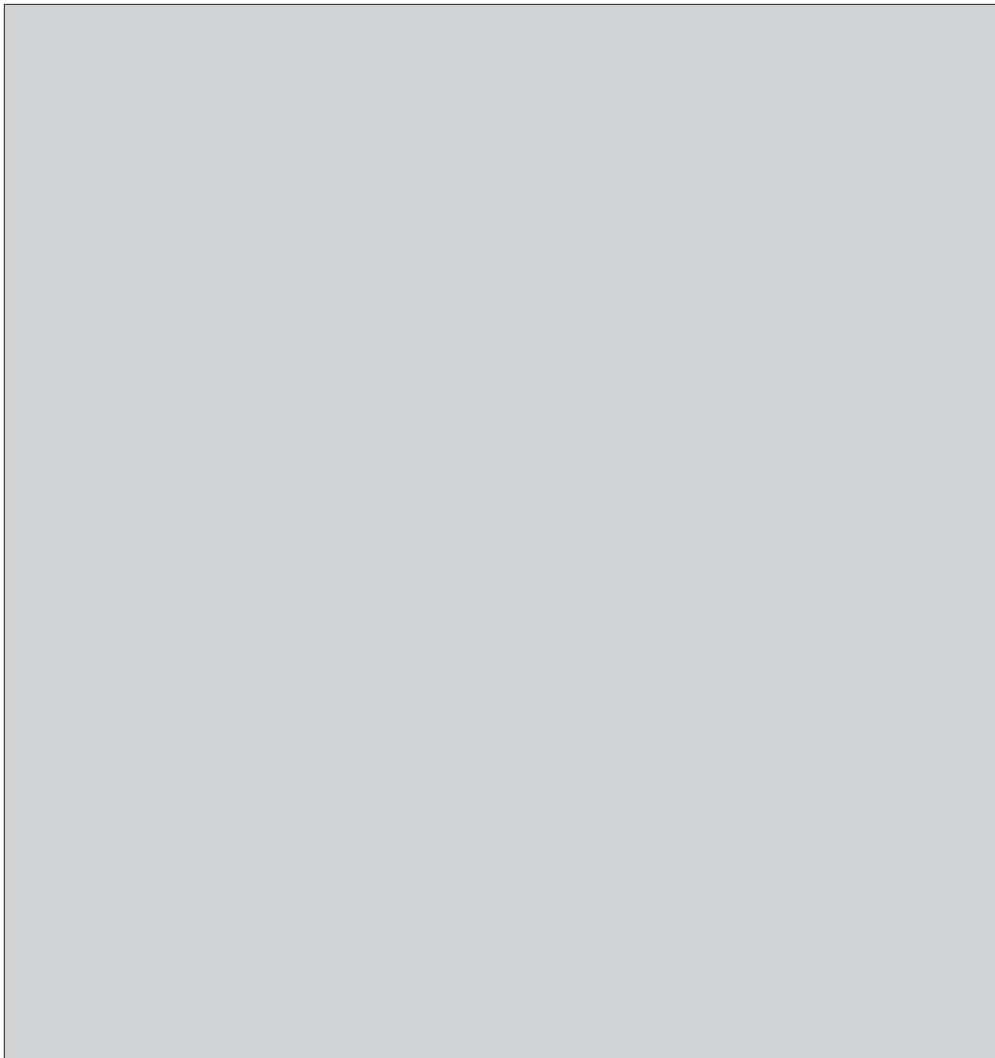
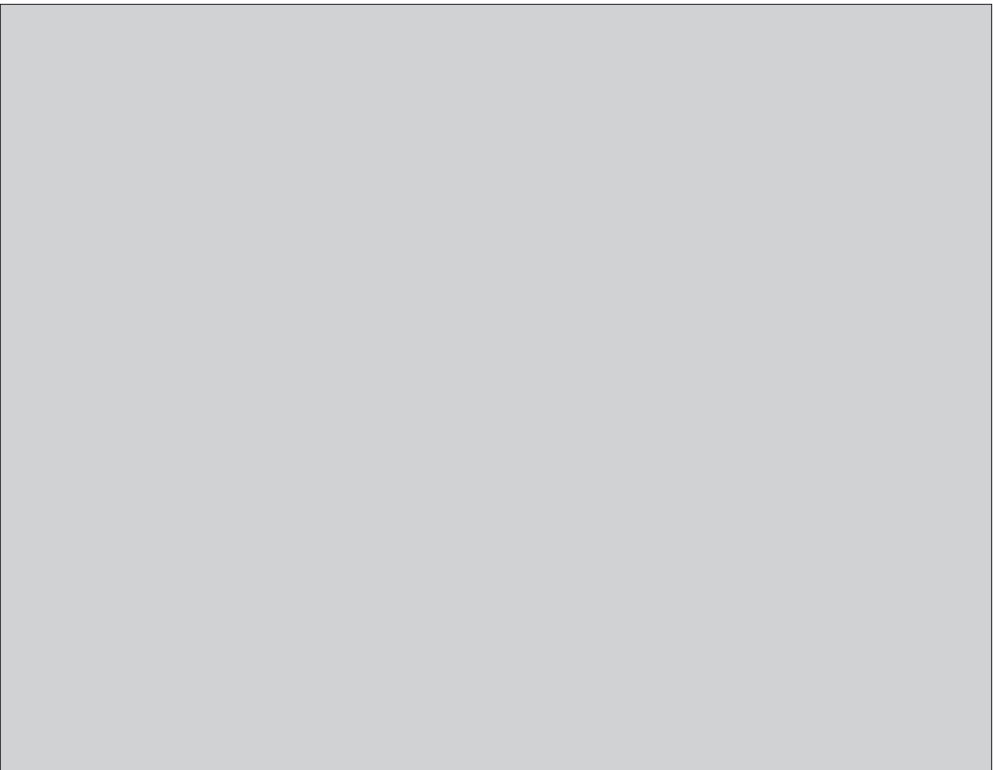


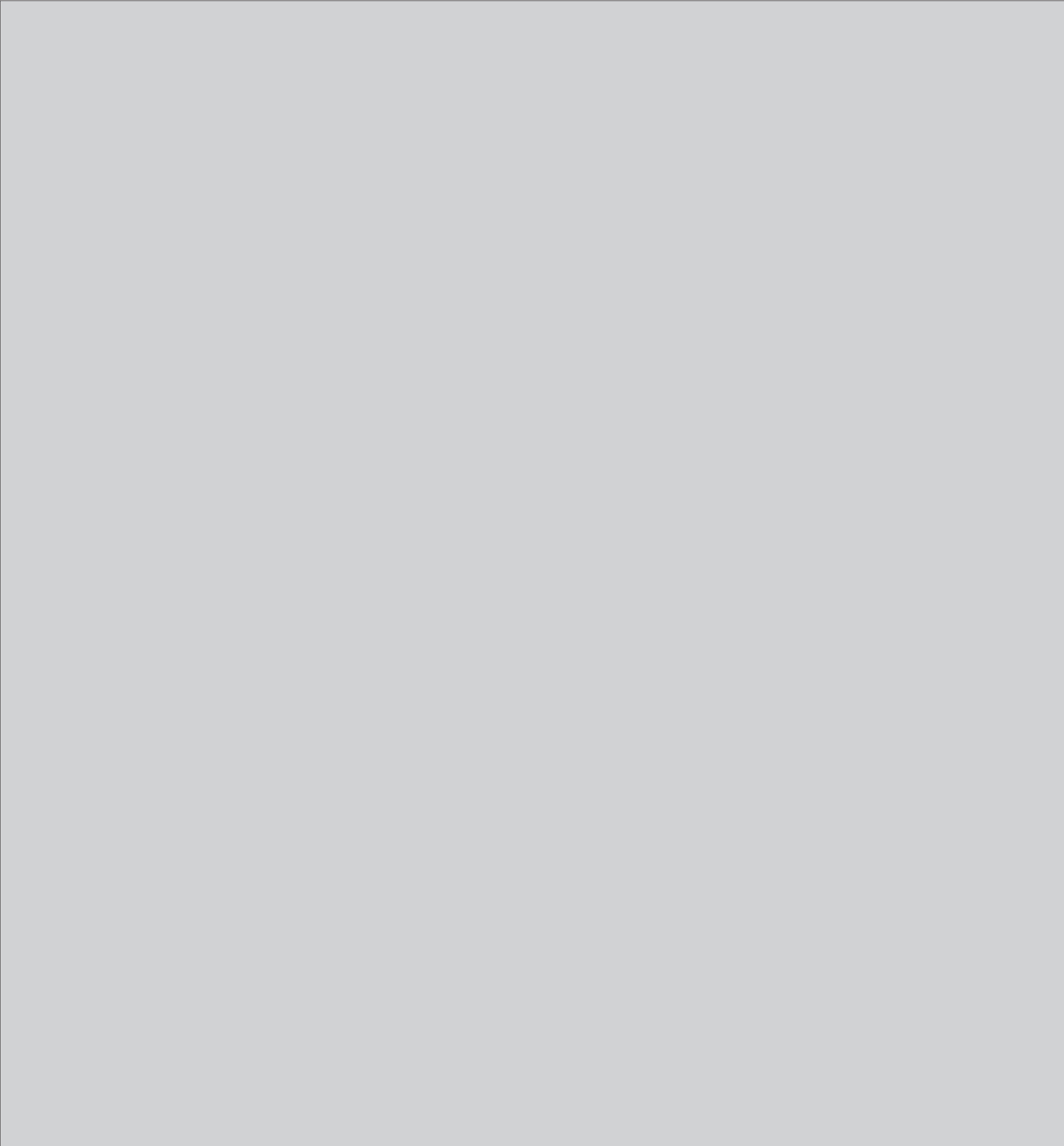
2nd Lt. William Powell

Sarah Culhane, 325th Natural Resources Wildland Fire Program manager, initiates a test burn in a patch of vegetation near Boy Scout Road. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron plans to burn about 5,700 acres during the fall and winter months.

Happy Birthday, Tyndall!

Tuesday marked Tyndall Air Force Base’s 63rd birthday. The base gates opened Dec. 7, 1941 and has been training Airmen since.





Checkertail Salute

Staff Sergeant Tricia Bell



Lisa Norman

Sergeant Bell receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Bell, who ensured 1,154 sorties flown with no deviations due to life support. She managed the squadron’s \$245,000 budget, and fully funded temporary duty assignments and building refurbishing while maintaining the supply accounts at 100 percent. Sergeant Bell synchronized F-15 Eagle parachute and survival kit changes, which significantly reduced demands on limited manpower. She was also a key player in obtaining 20 night vision goggle sets and constructing 45 NVG kits to incorporate NVG training into the syllabus.

- Duty title:** 95th Fighter Squadron assistant NCO-in-charge of life support
- Time on station:** One year and five months
- Time in service:** Nine years and nine months
- Hometown:** Springfield, S.C.
- Hobbies:** Basketball, softball and volleyball
- Goals:** Make master sergeant by 15 years
- Favorite book:** “Green Mile” by Stephen King
- Favorite movie:** “Pay it Forward”
- Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Great weather
- Pet peeves:** Not taking pride in what you do
- Proudest moment in the military:** Making senior airman below-the-zone

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

Steroid ban adds 18 substances

Effective Jan. 20, 2005, androstenedione, a steroid precursor also known as “andro,” will be added to the list of banned steroids along with 18 other substances. Under the new law, Senate Bill 2195, otherwise known as the “Andro Ban,” andro and andro supplements, currently available in health and fitness stores, will be classified as Schedule III controlled substances. Direct questions or concerns to the base legal office at 283-4682.

November re-enlistments

Senior Airman Aquilino Alveo-Forbes, 325th MDOS

Staff Sgt. Eric Bair, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Jozef Bochenek, 325th AMXS

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Boies, 325th AMXS

Master Sgt. Steven Burns, 83rd FWS

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Coker, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Lucas Delk, 325th AMXS

Master Sgt. Robert Fox, 325th MXS

Staff Sgt. Jacob Gicker, 325th AMXS

Master Sgt. Denson Glass, 325th MXS

Tech. Sgt. Sean Gutman, 81st TSS

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Jenkins, 325th MXG

Master Sgt. John Johnson, 325th ADS

Senior Master Sgt. Paul King, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Kisner, 325th MDOS

Staff Sgt. Matthew Kurpaski, 43rd FS

Staff Sgt. Guy Leach, 325th AMXS

Senior Airman Katie Morgan, 325th CPTS

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Neely, 325th FW

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Orgeron, 325th MXS

Staff Sgt. Charles Russell, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Jimmy Simpson, 325th AMXS

Senior Airman Kyle Smith, 325th CONS

Staff Sgt. Eric Spriggs, 325th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. James Stanfill, 82nd ATRS

Master Sgt. Daniel Station, 325th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Torres, HQ AFCESA

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Thurber, 325th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Randy Webb, 325th ACS

Master Sgt. Troy Winslow, 325th SFS

Tech. Sgt. Darrell Woodson, 325th FW

MDG offers keys to flu prevention, maintenance

While a nationwide influenza vaccine shortage has created problems across America, the 325th Medical Group here recently received enough vaccine to ensure Tyndall Airmen facing deployment and high-risk beneficiaries are protected.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious viral respiratory illness. It spreads in respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing, or touching something with the virus on it. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death.

While most healthy people recover from the flu without complications, some individuals, such as older people, young children and people with certain health conditions are at increased risk for serious complications.

High-risk members, defined as pregnant women, children 6-23 months old, people 65 years or older and people who suffer from chronic medical conditions such as heart, kidney or lung disease, asthma, diabetes, anemia or cancer treatment, need to visit the immunization clinic, located in the main 325th MDG building, Monday through Fri-

day from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to receive the flu vaccine. Those considered high-risk for complications from the flu virus should consult with their health-care provider if they develop flu-like symptoms. Doctors may also recommend use of an antiviral medication to help treat the flu.

The flu usually starts suddenly and may include the following symptoms: fever (usually high), headache, tiredness (can be extreme), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and body aches. Diarrhea and vomiting also can occur, but are more common in children. Other serious symptoms, which require urgent emergency medical attention, include difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion and severe or persistent vomiting.

The virus' contagious period lasts from about one day before until five days after symptoms appear. Symptoms can continue from seven to 10 days. It is important to note, however, many different ill-

nesses, including the common cold, can have similar symptoms.

People who develop flu-like symptoms should stay home, get plenty of rest, drink a lot of liquids and avoid using alcohol and tobacco. There are various medications available to relieve flu symptoms, but aspirin should never be given to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms, particularly fever.

In an effort to limit the spread of the flu virus, Tyndall's policy is to allow assigned personnel to stay home if they have "flu-like" symptoms. Supervisors are directed to use their authority to place their Airmen on quarters for 24 hours without contacting the clinic. First sergeants and supervisors should follow the "Wingman" concept and ensure sick Airmen who live alone or are single parents are checked daily to ensure their basic needs are met. If after 24 hours the member still feels sick, they can call the clinic to be seen or get an extension of quarters beyond 24 hours by calling 283-2778.

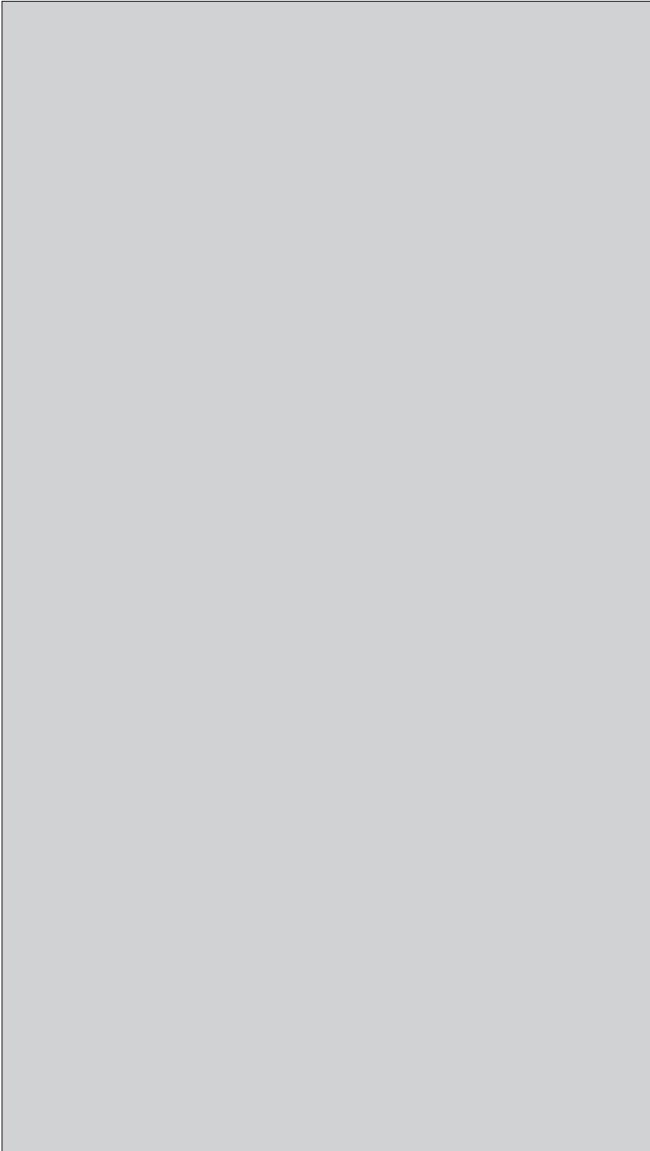
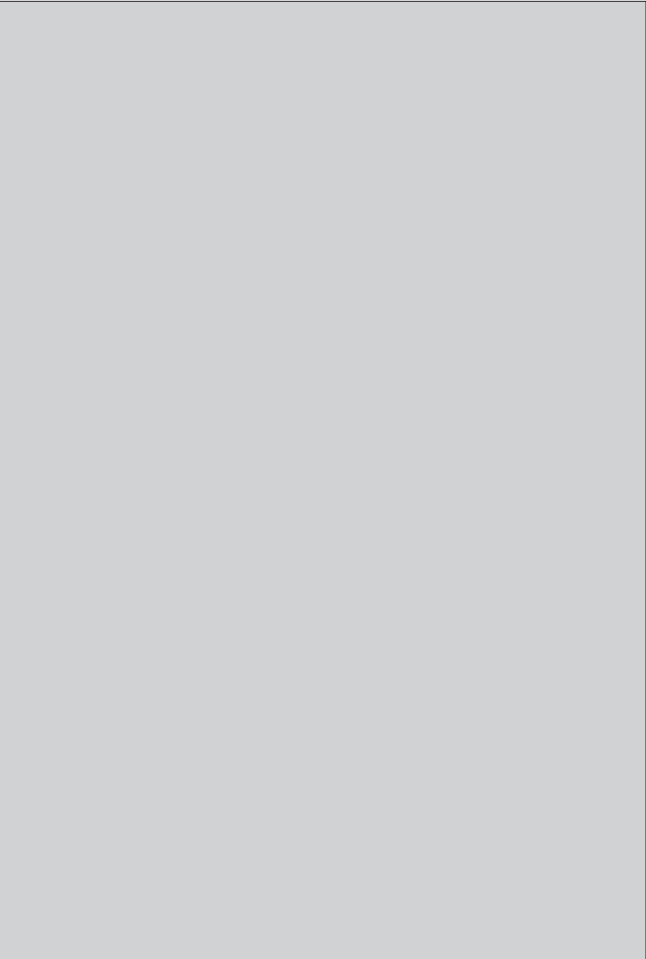
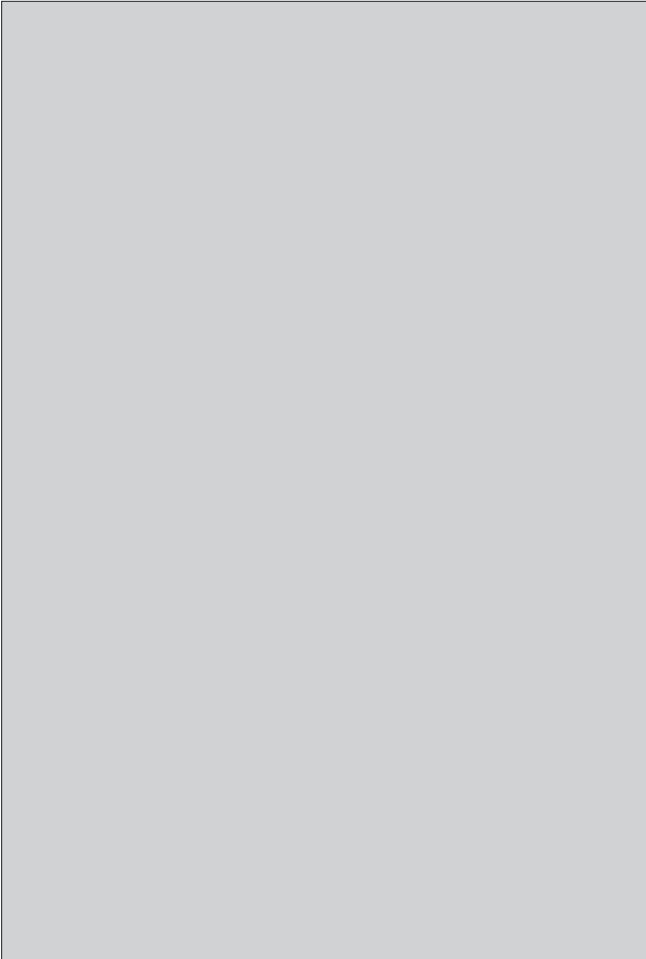
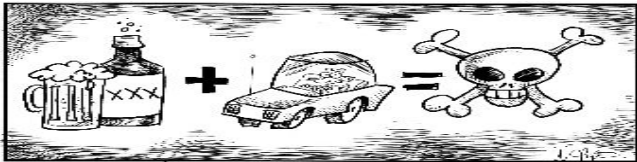
People having a "wet" cough produc-

tive of sputum, a worsening fever not responding to medication, new symptoms develop after three days of illness, or those who are members of the high-risk group should visit the Tyndall clinic. Be sure to inform reception staff that that you think you might have the flu so that they can provide a mask or sit you in a separate area for others' protection.

Additionally, the following steps may help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses like the flu: cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw the tissue away after use; wash hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner; stay away as much as you can from people who are sick; try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. If you get the flu, stay home from work or school.

Questions regarding the flu virus can be directed to Maj. Iwona Blackledge, 325th MDG healthcare integrator, by calling 283-7224.

(Courtesy of the 325th Medical Group)





Golden Bolt Award

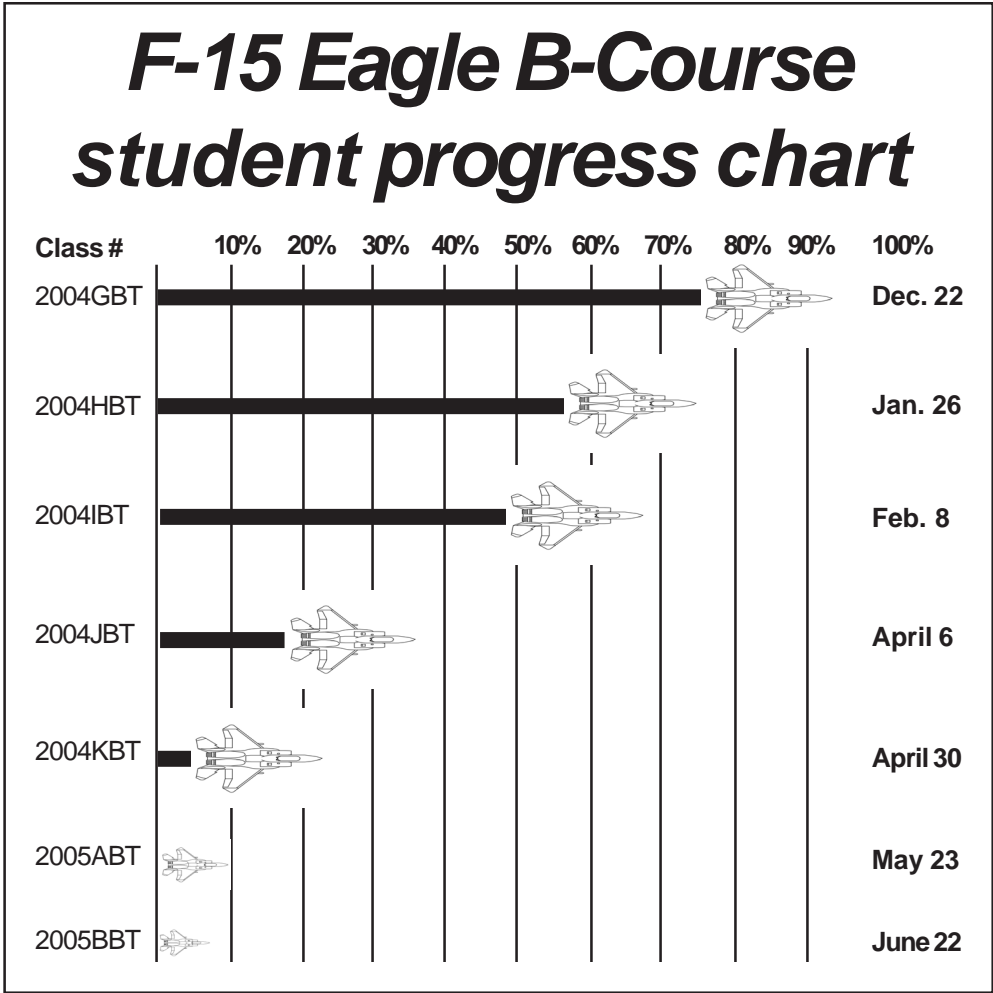


Tech. Sgt. Mark Edwards

Sergeant Edwards, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, conducts an F/A-22 Raptor pre-flight checklist with the portable maintenance aid computer. Sergeant Edwards is the Golden Bolt winner for the month of November. He found the bolt in an aircraft grounding point during his morning aircraft inspection. This is the second time he has won the Golden Bolt. The last time Sergeant Edwards found it, he was a crew chief with the 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit.



2nd Lt. William Powell



“From bare bones:”

World's first Raptor squadron commander reflects on accomplishments



Steve Wallace

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Young Jeffrey Harrigian sat wide-eyed and giddy behind the controls of an airborne 747 commercial airliner as he communicated the plane's position to Los Angeles Center. He was heading home from Hawaii on his birthday. He just turned eight.



Lisa Norman

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian receives the flag from Col. Mark Barrett, previous 325th Operations Group commander, during a change of command ceremony here Oct. 25, 2002.

A few decades later, he's still piloting airplanes. But, his airframe and scope of responsibility have soared sky-high, to say the least.

Now Lt. Col. Harrigian flies the world's newest and most fearsome fighter jet, the F/A-22 Raptor, and he became the world's first Raptor squadron commander when he assumed command of the 43rd Fighter Squadron Oct. 25, 2002.

Air Force leadership decided the Raptor will eventually replace the venerable F-15 Eagle as the Air Force's ultimate fighter jet, but first, the Raptor needed a home.

Colonel Harrigian and a handful of Airmen inherited the responsibility of building the squadron from the ground up.

"Two years ago, we had no airplanes, we were living in a temporary building and had very few facilities," Colonel Harrigian said. "This wasn't like starting up a new F-15 program where we could get everything from the F-15 units, nor did we convert a pre-existing Eagle squadron into a Raptor squadron. We had to essentially build programs from the bottom floor up, and I was fortunate to have some incredible people who could devise solutions for the

tough challenges."

He said the squadron faced many difficult challenges along the way, but designing the training curriculum from scratch achieved the greatest results. And seven initial instructor pilots were the first students.

After completing a transition course, which uses the Raptor simulator to teach general aircraft fundamentals, the students enter upgrade instructor pilot training. UIP involves flying numerous Raptor sorties to successfully complete IP training.

"It was challenging in the beginning," Colonel Harrigian said. "There wasn't an initial cadre of people who could train us, so we had to certify ourselves. But, we took the lessons learned from aircraft testing at Edwards AFB, Calif., and incorporated them into our syllabus.

"Now we're training in a building-block approach. We teach all the skills required to get the Raptor pilots to the desired level of performance before we send them out to the combat air forces."

The first time a student flies a Raptor, he flies alone. There are no extra seats available for an instructor pilot to assist, so the pilot must

concentrate on his training for a safe flight. And Colonel Harrigian admits it's a memorable experience.

"When I was getting ready to take off for the first time at Nellis AFB, Nev., for just a few moments, I looked around and thought 'this is sweet,'" he said. "It's a pretty big airplane, but it responds incredibly to pilot inputs. Control sensitivity is a little different than an Eagle's, so that took some getting used to, but the situational awareness the Raptor's



Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian, 43rd Fighter Squadron commander, is seen in the cockpit of Raptor 18, Tyndall's first F/A-22. Tyndall has since received

computers provide is a dramatic increase compared to previous aircraft.”

Each of his 125 flying hours in the Raptor has been memorable, but nothing stands out as much as landing the first Raptor at Tyndall, he said.

“One of the shining moments for all of Team Tyndall was when we delivered the first Raptor Sept. 26, 2003. I was very fortunate to be the pilot of that jet, and it’s something I’ll never forget. There were more than a hundred smiling faces on the ramp as I landed, which added some pressure, but it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deliver a brand new airplane straight from the factory. That was big for me and my family. My wife, Kathy, was there and at every subsequent jet delivery and treated each new jet as if it was another child in the family,” he said.

The father of two is also the first person in his family to join the military, yet still he grew up with the smell of jet fuel in the air.

“My dad worked various positions in the commercial airline industry for TWA and Western,” he said. “So I grew up near airplanes in Western Springs, Ill. My dad persuaded the 747 crew to allow me to sit in the cockpit on my birthday. That started my interest in flying. During high school, I worked on the ramp and refueled airplanes at the local airport, and later went to the Air Force



Lisa Norman

Lt. Col. Jeffrey “Cobra” Harrigian, 43rd Fighter Squadron commander, looks around the Tyndall flightline as he prepares to remove his oxygen mask following his final flight as commander of the 43rd FS Dec. 2. The colonel has flown more than 125 hours in the Raptor since Tyndall’s first F/A-22 arrived Sept. 2003. Colonel Harrigian leaves Tyndall Monday for reassignment to Garmish, Germany, where he will begin Senior Developmental Education.

Academy to become a pilot.”

The accomplished pilot arrived at Tyndall nearly four years ago serving first as an operations officer for the 95th Fighter Squadron before assuming command of the 43rd FS. He credits his success to the support he’s received

from Team Tyndall and his family.

Now, Tyndall bids farewell to Colonel Harrigian as he heads to George Marshall Center in Garmish, Germany for Senior Developmental Education.

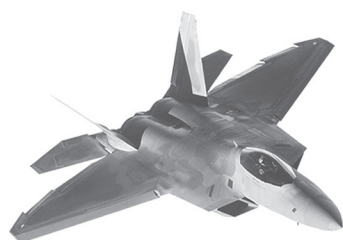
“Tyndall is taking the Air Force into the future, and it’s taken blood, sweat

and tears to make it happen. Our aircraft maintenance unit has been especially critical to our success for helping to bring this weapon system on board. We’ve had tremendous support from everybody, and it was truly a team effort.”

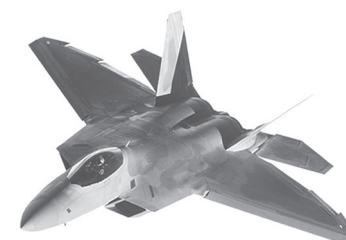


Lisa Norman

commander, is greeted by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Simpson, following the colonel’s arrival here Sept. 26, 2003 in received 12 Raptors and has trained 10 instructor pilots.



A Tyndall timeline: Significant dates in Raptor history



August 2000 - Tyndall Air Force Base selected as F/A-22 training schoolhouse.

February 2001 - Tyndall begins building its first F/A-22 facilities.

September 2002 - Bay County/Tyndall receive first glimpse of the F/A-22 as Raptor 04 flies over the base en route to Fort Worth, Texas.

October 2002 - Tyndall stands up first F/A-22 squadron, 43rd Fighter Squadron. Lt. Col. Jeffrey Harrigian named commander.

August 2003 - Colonel Harrigian becomes Air Education and Training Command’s first Raptor pilot.

September 2003 - Tyndall receives its first F/A-22, Raptor 18.

Fall 2004 - Initial cadre of Tyndall instructor pilots complete Instructor Pilot syllabus.

October 2004 - 43rd FS IPs begin training first group of Raptor student pilots.

Briefs

2004 decals expire soon

Vehicle owners who have an expired 2004 DD Form 2220/Department of Defense Vehicle Registration decal now have less than two months to renew their vehicle registration with the Pass and Registration section. To renew, the driver must bring his driver's license, current state registration form and current proof of insurance for each vehicle to be updated. Pass and Registration is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in Room 220, Bldg. 662. For more information, call 283-4191.

Volunteers needed

The Tyndall Chiefs' Group is sponsoring the 19th Annual Golden Age Christmas Party at noon Wednesday at the Enlisted Club. The GACP provides food, fun and holiday cheer for Bay County senior citizens and residents of the Veteran's Home. Approximately 250 participants are expected for this year's festivities and are asking for volunteers to provide cookies for the event. If you would like to help, please bake some cookies and bring them to the Tyndall NCO Academy Tuesday. Help is also needed the day of the party to help serve food and make smiles. For more information please contact Chief Master Sgts. Ralph Brock at 283-4057, Scott Truesdell at 283-7714, or Patrick Sheehan at 283-6201.

Annual beach clean-up

Volunteers are requested for the Annual beach clean-up. Volunteers will meet at the Tyndall AFB NCO Pavillion and Beach access area Jan. 15, and the clean-up will go from 8 to 11 a.m. Beverages and T-shirts will be provided to participants. For more information, contact ChiQuita George at 283-4498.

RAO position open

The Retiree Activities Office has a director position open. The RAO director writes for the base paper, puts a newsletter together and attends retiree council conferences. To apply, call 283-2737 between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

Cookie drive

Team Tyndall's Annual Cookie Drive will be Monday from 7-9 a.m. People can bring cookies to the Commissary bagger entrance in the front parking lot. Approximately 500 cookies are needed to give to Airmen residing in the dormitories. For more information, call Beth Lee at 215-2881, Barb Hess at 286-5353 or Master Sgt. Tommy Dixon at 283-3072.

Air Force Reserve opportunities

The Air Force is accepting applications for the Palace Chase Force Shaping program. Members who are thinking about leaving active duty early can transfer their commitment into the Air Force Reserve without having to pay-back bonuses, and while maintaining many of the same benefits. There are Air Force Reserve opportunities available in many locations in the United States and overseas. The member chooses the location. Re-training into a different career field is also an option. For more information please contact Master Sgt. Randi Baum at 283-8384 or visit the Military Personnel Flight located in Bldg. 662, Room 222.

GCCC update

Gulf Coast Community College will buy back books at the Tyndall Education Center Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. The school office hours for the Christmas holiday will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 20 through 23 and they will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. All school fees are due by Jan. 3. There will be a placement test at the Education Center Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$4 and you must sign up at the Tyndall office before the test date to guarantee a spot. The Spring 2005 term begins Jan. 6 and ends May 6. Registration for these classes are on Jan. 4 and 5 from 4 to 6 p.m., and Jan. 6 and 10 - 12 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 283-4332.

New York Air National Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, N.Y., has traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3A&B, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A752, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T2X1, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4D0X1, X4N0X1, and 6C0X1. Contact Master Sgt. James Reeves, 109th AW recruiting office supervisor, by phone at DSN 344-2457 or 1-800-524-5070, or by e-mail at James.Reeves@nyscot.ang.af.mil for more information.

Commander's Access Channel

Air Force News airs on the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 12) at 8 a.m., noon, 2, 4, 6 and 10 p.m. everyday.

Featured this week is:

- Role of ANG/AF reserve changes in war against terrorism
- Special Ops commander says role of command is changing
- Airmen try to win hearts and minds of young Iraqis



Steve Riddle

All I want for Christmas ...

Five-year-old Haylee Baldwin, daughter of Staff Sgt. Douglas Baldwin, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, thinks about what she wants for Christmas while sitting on Santa's lap Dec. 2 at the Base Tree Lighting ceremony.

- New lifestyle for Airmen at Nellis AFB, Nev.
- Dorm drinking policy at Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- F.E. Warren initiates unique responsible drinking policy
- Senior leadership wear tests latest version of utility uniform
- Sit-ups and crunches with a new look
- Broadcast journalist turned chaplain tends the flock in Iraq

Christmas program

The Protestant Parish Community Christmas Program will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Chapel 2 here. Featured are the Children's and Adult's Choirs. The Children's Choir will present "Signs of Christmas" by Pam Andrews. The Adult Choir will present "Joy in this Place" by Camp Kirkland. Refreshments will follow the program.

BX/Commissary holiday hours

Dec. 24:

- Base Exchange - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Commissary - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Shoal Point - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Felix Lake - 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Class Six - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 25: All closed

Dec. 26:

- Base Exchange - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Commissary - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Shoal Point - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Felix Lake - 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Class Six - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Santa visit

Free photos with Santa will be available at the Commissary Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Garage Sale

3542 B Andrews Loop

Garage sales are held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Chapel Schedule**Catholic services held at Chapel 2:**

- Daily Mass - 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Reconciliation - before Saturday Mass or by appointment
- Saturday Mass - 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass - 9:30 a.m.
- Religious Education - 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1476

Protestant services at Chapel 1:

- Communion service - 9:30 a.m.
- Religious Education - 9:30 in Bldg. 1476
- General Protestant service - 11 a.m.
- Sunday Night Live Service - 6 p.m.

Kwanzaa:

Reaffirming African culture

CAPT. SUSAN A. ROMANO
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Every December since 1966, African-Americans have celebrated Kwanzaa, a cultural observance with a focus on traditional values such as family, community and self-improvement.

Kwanzaa, which is Kiswahili for "first fruits of the harvest," was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, the professor and chairman of the Department of Black Studies at California State University, in response to what he called the commercialization of Christmas. Karenga added the second "a" to the end of the spelling to reflect the difference between the African-American celebration (kwanzaa) and the Kiswahili spelling (kwanza).

Despite some misconceptions, Kwanzaa does not replace Christmas for African-Americans, nor is it political or religious in nature. Rather, Kwanzaa is a time for African-Americans to reaffirm their heritage and culture.

Kwanzaa is based on seven guiding principles, known as Nguzo Saba, one for each day of the observance. It begins on Dec. 26 and continues until Jan. 1. The seven principles are: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).



Similar to the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa uses candles to represent each of the seven principles, and are lit daily.

The giving of gifts is a common practice during the celebration, and creativity is greatly encouraged (since it is one of the seven principles). Using the traditional African motif of black, red and green is very common, which have become symbolic of the Kwanzaa celebration, and also remind celebrants of the colors of most African flags.

On the eve of Dec. 31, most Kwanzaa celebrations are concluded with a big feast, culminating with participants focusing on welcoming, remembering, reassessment, recommitment, rejoicing, and a call for greater unity. It is a feast steeped in cultural tradition and expression, bringing those closer to their African roots.



Senior Airman Benjamin Rojek

O Christmas tree...

Tech. Sgt. Philip Sutton, 325th Communications Squadron installation frequency manager, sets up a Christmas tree for display. The 325th CS booster club is selling the trees for \$30 each at their Christmas tree lot located in the parking lot between Burger King and the NCO Academy. The lot will be open until Dec. 20. For more information, call 283-8410.

Tigers split wins with Hawks, snap winning streak

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team, 12-2 in conference, 16-3 overall, split their two-game set with the host Robins Air Force Base, Ga., Hawks in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference regular season play. The Tigers extended their winning streak to seven games on Saturday, before suffering a one-point defeat on Sunday.

In Saturday's game, the two teams slugged it out defensively with Tyndall taking a one point lead 28-27 at the half time intermission. The Tigers' Elvin Walker helped the team pull away from the Hawks with 21 points in the second half. They maintained a double digit lead for the majority of the half to take the victory over Robins 74-62.

Elvin Walker paced the Tigers in scoring with a game high 26 points, followed by 18 points for Tommy Nixon

and Omar Johnson with 10 points. Rob Montgomery led in rebounding honors with 10 and Johnson led in assists with six. Al'B Marshall led Robins in scoring with 15 points.

Sunday's game saw Robins jump out to a double digit before Tyndall battled back to trim their deficit to four points 40-36 at the half. In the second half, the Tigers seized the lead with 16 minutes remaining in the contest. They went up by as many as 10 points, but could not put the Hawks away down the stretch as Robins battled back to tie the score at 70-70 with 30 seconds remaining. The outcome of the contest was decided at the charity stripe as Tyndall converted one of four free throw attempts, while Robins converted on two out of four attempts to give the Hawks a 72-71 advantage with 3.7 seconds on

the clock. A length-of-the-court pass was intercepted by the Hawks as they escaped with the victory.

Omar Johnson paced the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 24 points, followed by Elvin Walker with 23 points. Derrell Thomas and Rob Montgomery shared team rebounding honors with 12 each and Johnson again led in assists with six. Keith Futrell led Robins in scoring with 20 points.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will host the Knights from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., this weekend. The game times are scheduled as follows: Saturday: Women - 2 p.m., Men - 4 p.m. and Sunday: Women - 11 a.m., Men - 1 p.m. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

(Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)



Funshine NEWS



December 10, 2004

www.325thservices.com

Golf Holiday Basket Specials

Holiday gift basket specials \$35-\$100
Anything a golfer would want for Christmas
with a value of \$50-\$150
Baskets available through Dec. 24

Holiday Manager's Specials
also on select clubs
in the Pro Shop.

286-2565



Breakfast at the Community Center Snackbar

Only \$3.00 - 6:30-10 a.m.

2 eggs prepared any way,
hashbrown or grits, your
choice of sausage, bacon or ham,
white or wheat toast.

Call in your to go order: 283-2814



Fed Ex Holiday Packages from the Community Center!

Which include:
Priority Overnight
Standard Overnight
Economy 2 Day
Express Saver 3 Day
Our rates beat the others!

Overseas by Dec. 15
Continental USA by Dec. 18
Alaska and Hawaii by Dec. 15

Packages must be received by 1:30 p.m. for Overnight (there are some exclusions with overnight - CAC staff will give details).
Accepting packages up to 10 lbs.

283-2495

Sugar Mountain, NC Ski/Snowboard Adventure Dec. 27-30

Just \$350 for three nights in a condo with a fireplace, 2-days lift tickets and board or ski rental plus transportation. Reserve by Dec. 13.

283-3199

Football Frenzy at the Pizza Pub

Bldg. 1027 on Louisiana Ave.

Prizes include: an XBOX system, T-shirts, coolers and hats for Club Members!

For more information
283-3222 / 283-2814

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Gymnastics Instructor Wanted

The Youth Center is looking to expand our Instructional Programs by incorporating Gymnastics and Tumbling classes for all ages. We are looking for a Gymnastics Instructor to start classes as soon as possible. If you are interested and have the necessary qualifications contact Andy at 283-4366.

Bowling Center

☎ 283-2380

Pro Shop Sale

Buy great Xmas presents for your favorite bowler now until Dec. 23.

All Ranks New Years Eve Party

CAC Pizza Pub and Ballroom

Tickets on Sale Now!

Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sports Page Pizza Pub and Community Center
\$12 Club Members, \$15 Non-Members
Couples Special: \$20 member couples
\$25 non-member couples

Tickets will be \$5 more at the door.

Price includes entertainment, party favors, split
"Pizza-Plus" Buffet (Served 7-9 p.m.).

Breakfast Calzone

W/Egg, Sausage, Cheese & Salsa
12:30-1:30 a.m.

Two DJs for your enjoyment will be
playing for the entire evening

Located in the Pizza Pub and the CAC Ballroom

Fun & Games & Spot Giveaways All Evening:

Karaoke & Trivia Contests and Special Drawings

Throughout the Evening

Theme - The Roaring 20's!

Come in period dress

Prizes for Best Dressed Man & Woman

283-3332

Community Center

☎ 283-2495

New Cardio Center

Bldg. 912 (Old Teen Center), Pilates Classes:
5:15-6:15 p.m. Tues. & Thurs., 12-1 p.m. Wed &
Thurs., Yoga Classes 5-6 p.m. Mon. & Weds.,
Pilates Classes Cost: 10 Class punch card \$30
or \$6 per class. Yoga Classes Cost: 10 Classes
punch card \$35 or \$6 per class, punch cards
available at the CAC Bldg. 1027. Call 283-2495
for more info.

Youth Christmas Tree Coloring Contest

Dec. 1-17 For ages 3-12 years old, Pick up
coloring sheets at CAC or Youth Center and
return completed sheets by Dec. 17, All
participants will receive a special award.

Open Mic Night

Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. Sports Page Pizza Pub

Outdoor Recreation

☎ 283-3199

Sugar Mountain, NC

Ski/Snowboard Adventure

Dec 27-30. Cost \$350 covers 3 nights in a
condo with a fireplace, 2-days lift tickets,
2-days board rental and transportation.
Must reserve
by Dec. 13.

Winter Boat Rental Special

During our winter season patrons may rent
any boat for half or full day at half price.
Please note fuel costs are not discounted.

325th Services Squadron is Entering the

ICE AGE

I.nteractive C.ustomer E.valuation
Who?

Anyone with a great suggestion or
comment on the service they just received.

What?

A web-based customer feedback system
that sends an automatic email to the
service provider manager

When?

At your convenience (within 90 days of
service), you have a great idea, or
just to say "Thank You!"
Look for ICE at: <http://ice.disa.mil>

Raptor Lanes Sealed Bid Auction

Gil Mac Ball Drilling Equipment

Includes: Drill, Bits and Gig
Minimum Bid \$300

Menu Board (Lighted)

For Translucent Material
Min. Bid \$50

Sealed Bid Auction Closes 4 p.m., Dec. 17

283-2380



All Ranks at the Enlisted Club Dinner and A Movie

Thurs., Dec. 16

Santa Clause 2

Buffet 5-7 p.m., Movie 7 p.m.

Buffet style dinner: \$6.95

Member price: \$5.95

Non-Member Children: \$3.95

Children age 7 and under eat free.

Youth under age 16 must be
accompanied by an adult.

Two giant stockings filled with goodies
will be given away!

Movies subject to availability.

283-4357

Sports Page Pizza Pub at the CAC

Open Mic Night

Are you a singer, musician, comedian or poet?

Come out and join us!

Dec. 22, 5-9 p.m.

1/2 off all Appetizers

\$1.00 Beverage Specials

Call at 283-3222

or 283-2495

for more information.



Outdoor Recreation

Holiday Hayride & Marshmallow

Roast December 18

Shuttle Times:

3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m.

Departs Youth Center Parking Lot

Reservations Recommended

Campfire & Hot Chocolate At Felix Lake

Santa & Horse Parade in

Housing at 6 p.m.

Admission: Minimum of 1
nonperishable good per
person

Bonita Bay 283-3199



Winter weather driving tips

Driving around Tyndall and the Panama City area during the winter months can be dangerous. The combination of rain and early darkness in the winter months can add additional hazards to your drive. It's important to allow extra time and reduce your speed to match the road conditions and visibility. Here are some wet weather driving tips to help you get to your destination safely:

- Slow down. As your speed decreases, the amount of the tire's tread contacting the road surface increases, providing better traction. You also reduce the risk of hydroplaning should you run into deeper water puddled on the road.
- Maintain a safe distance - Be prepared for longer stopping distances on wet pavement. Since other cars may not have proper tires for wet weather driving, be extra alert at stop signs and red lights.
- Properly maintain your tires - Check your tires regularly and replace them at the proper time. Also, maintain the proper air pressure in your tires; check your vehicle manufacturer handbook or the door jamb for the proper air pressure for your particular vehicle and tires.
- Move along smoothly - When braking, accelerating or turning, avoid jerky, abrupt movements.
- Avoid hydroplaning - If you feel your vehicle starting to hydroplane (riding on the surface of the water), take your foot off the accelerator — don't hit your brakes. If you have a manual transmission, push in the clutch and let the vehicle slow down until control is regained.
- Plan your braking - If you are entering a curve, slow down and brake gently before you start to turn.
- Turn on your lights - It will help other drivers see you.
- Check your wipers - Install new wiper blades at least once a year to ensure good vision.

(Courtesy of the 325th Fighter Wing safety office)



Courtesy photo

Congratulations Air Battle Manager Class 05004 ...

The 325th Air Control Squadron will graduate 11 students Wednesday from Air Battle Manager class 05004. The graduates are: (from left) 2nd Lts. Eric Kawaguchi, David Sandoval, Mario Pena, Stephen Evelyn, John Alden, Thomas Terrell, David Gomez, Robert DeSautels, Miguel Lopez, Rocco Angiolelli, and Rusty Brinkley.



Ensure home fires do not extinguish holiday fun

INGE LERSCHE
Air Force Print News

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — The holiday season is a time to celebrate with family and friends. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year when people face a much greater risk of home fires.

Christmas trees: A dried-out evergreen tree is an extremely dangerous fire hazard. Buy a freshly cut tree; beware of any tree with brittle or shedding needles. Stand the tree on a sturdy, nontrip tree stand. Keep it away from heat sources, such as radiators, television sets and fireplaces. Ensure it does not block room exits. Do not put the tree in front of balcony doors, which are a secondary means of escape. Check the tree's water level daily and discard the tree when the water absorption

stops. When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as "fire-retardant."

Holiday lighting: When decorating with lights, purchase only lights that are certified by Underwriters Laboratory or the equivalent at overseas locations. Use extension cords sparingly. Check for frayed or damaged cords, and replace those that show wear and tear. Do not overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep. For outside decorations, use only those labeled for outdoor use.

Candles: Exercise extreme caution when burning candles. Be sure they are kept well away from decorations and other combustible materials. Never leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles. Always keep candles, as well as matches and light-

ers, out of the reach of children. Do not display lighted candles in windows, as curtains may ignite, especially when the window is left open and wind blows a curtain over the candle. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees.

Holiday parties: Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Provide guests who smoke with large, deep ashtrays and empty them frequently. After parties, check for discarded cigarette butts inside and under couches and chairs and in trashcans. A cigarette butt left in these places can smolder and ignite into a fire hours later. In the vast majority of cases, it is not the resulting fire, but rather the initial smoke buildup that kills people as they sleep.

Kitchen fire safety: Unattended cooking is

the leading cause of home fires in the United States. The rate of unattended cooking fires spikes during the holidays. Never leave the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove and always turn pot handles inward so curious children cannot pull the pot down onto themselves. Wear tight-fitting clothes when cooking, as loose clothes can be ignited readily by hot burners. Do not store items on the stovetop, as they can catch fire easily. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition; make certain to turn them off when finished cooking. In case of a stovetop fire, attempt to cover the burning pot with a lid, turn the stove off, evacuate the house and call the base fire department from a cell phone or neighbor's house.

Guns, alcohol not to be mixed

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Hunting season resumes tomorrow and Team Tyndall hunters are reminded to pack hot chocolate or coffee, not alcohol, to warm their bones.

According to Jack Mobley, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Natural Resources, mixing guns with alcohol will carry stiff penalties and potential legal ramifications.

"The law says 'No [hunter] who is intoxicated is allowed to enter or remain on Tyndall.' We have the authority to issue permits to hunters, and we have the authority to take them away," Dr. Mobley said.

Dr. Mobley continued that if a person is caught with alcohol while carrying a gun, the Natural Resources office will recommend to the installation commander that the person be banned from Tyndall's outdoor recreation areas. If the offense is a sufficient violation, security forces will be contacted to ban the individual from the base.

Fortunately, there have not been reports of violations on Tyndall or in Bay County in more than four years, according



2nd Lt. William Powell
Glen Forehand, a retired civilian, checks the sights on his .50 caliber rifle as he searches for deer Nov. 19. Gun season resumes Dec. 11 and lasts until Feb. 16.

to Sgt. Mark Dufresne, Bay County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

However, even one accident is too many Dr. Mobley added.

"I have very little patience for a drunk hunter or anyone else drinking alcohol while carrying a gun," he said. "It's simply a safety issue."

Furies dig into community service

SENIOR AIRMAN BENJAMIN ROJEK
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The local support Tyndall receives as we Airmen deploy in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom has inspired members of the 1st Fighter Squadron to give back to the community through a campaign called Operation Forced Philanthropy.

The brainchild of Lt. Col. William Rountt, 1st FS director of operations, this volunteer program was created to get the squadron involved in the community through philanthropic endeavors.

“We saw an opportunity to help out here in Bay County,” said Colonel Rountt. “We not only help our less fortunate friends, but we also shed a good light on the military, the Air Force and Tyndall Air Force Base.”

The colonel came up with a list of community programs the squadron could get involved with and handed it off to his officers.



Airman 1st Class Kostyantyn Andreyko, 1st Fighter Squadron information manager, shovels dirt to lay the foundation of a home being built through Habitat for Humanity.

“The project officers pick something from the list and run with it,” said Capt. Brian Laidlaw, 1st FS B-Flight commander and a project officer for OFP.

“You pick something you find important, then it is your job to make that project a success.”

Captain Laidlaw added the squadron

got involved with events such as the Sept. 24 POW/MIA Run, Hurricane Charlie relief efforts and Habitat for Humanity.

“Some of the projects are time specific, especially with the upcoming holidays” he said. “But a project like Habitat for Humanity is on-going.

“The Habitat for Humanity project was very important,” the captain continued. “ This was the first one in which we had maximum squadron participation, and it really motivated our people. Hopefully this will serve as a catalyst to get more people involved in some of the other programs on our list.

“This is a good opportunity for us to reach out to the local community and say, ‘Thank you for what you do for us. What can we do to help you?’” Captain Laidlaw continued. “That’s the big picture. But on a small scale, it’s meeting the people you’re helping and hearing them thank you. It makes it all more than worthwhile.”



Learning tower of Tyndall

(From left) Senior Airman Amy Naquin, 325th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, observes 2nd Lt. Kristen Dunn, 325th OSS air traffic control student, as the lieutenant safely guides an aircraft through Tyndall airspace. Following a 16-week training program at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., air traffic control officers enter a 10-month training program here.

